

January 4, 2013

To: Town Board

From: Michael Anderson

Re: Monthly Police Report for January 2013

Because I've been out on medical leave I have no statistics from the previous month(s) activities/calls. As I begin the task of catching up on paperwork I hope to go back and retrieve the data but I don't know when that will be.

I'm spending January 7-10 in Superior for the annual Law Enforcement Management Conference presented by the Department of Justice. Superior is the most northern location that the DOJ will consider when sponsoring this conference. It is attended by Sheriffs/Police Chiefs, usually from the northern municipalities, and meets the mandatory training requirements by the Law Enforcement Standards Board.

Once I get caught up on paperwork I will set up some meetings with Pete to start going over the current Law Enforcement Agreement with Ashland County. There needs to be some changes/clarifications to avoid any further disputes as to what amount of money constitutes a fair share.

As everyone associated with the island knows, this time of year is filled with anticipation as to when the boats may quit, wind sled runs, cars start driving, etc. The police department pays close attention to this as it dictates how we schedule our hours to patrol. Unfortunately, past years prove that good ice crossing causes problems for the property owners on the island. If it looks like we are about to open an ice road we ask all residents to pay extra attention to the coming and going in their neighborhood. If they see or hear something that appears suspicious we ask that they don't hesitate to report it. All too often good nature neighbors wait too long to report a suspicious activity. If a burglary/theft had taken place and is not reported until hours/days later it makes it very difficult to apprehend those responsible for committing the crime.

Sincerely,

Michael Anderson
Police Chief